

**MINUTES  
CITY OF BREMEN, GEORGIA  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
January 23, 2012**

Meeting Location: Public Safety Complex, 516 Tallapoosa Street

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell  
W.O. (Sonny) Parrish  
Council Member Jane Wilson  
Council Member Bill Hightower  
Council Member Kyle Shepherd

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**6:00 P.M.  
Work Session  
Mayor & Council Members  
Department Heads**

**City Council Informal Session**

*Informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and City Attorney. No action taken during work session. The discussed items are listed below.*

- \$ Agenda Items
- \$ Sewell Mill Building
- \$ Zoning
- \$ Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:55 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

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**7:00 P.M.  
City Council Meeting  
Mayor & Council Members**

**Regularly Scheduled Monthly Session**

- Agenda:*
1. *Call to Order*
  2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
  3. *Invocation*
  4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
  5. *Approval of Minutes from the December 19, 2011 Regular Meeting*
  6. *Jenny English – Citizens Count Survey*
  7. *Zoning Ordinance Amendment –Changes the Zoning for Junk & Salvage Yards  
from M-1 Zoning to M-2 Zoning*
  8. *Open to the Public*
  9. *Adjourn*

**Call to Order**

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

**Agenda Changes**

Mayor Sewell stated that there will be 3 additions to the agenda for tonight's meeting. The reappointment of Sonny Parrish as Mayor Pro-Tem will be included with item number 5 which is the Oath of Offices for he and Council Member Wilson.

**Oath of Office & Reappointment of Mayor Pro Tem**

Judge Eddie Hulsey did the swearing in of Council Members Sonny Parrish and Jane Wilson for another term.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to reappoint Sonny Parrish as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Council Member Shepherd seconded by Council Member Wilson to reappoint Sonny Parrish as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution – Jones Elementary Awarded a GA School of Excellence**

Mayor Sewell stated that Jones Elementary School was named a Georgia School of Excellence for 2011. She read a resolution proclaiming the highest congratulations to the administration, staff and students of Jones Elementary and she asked the council for a motion to accept the resolution.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Shepherd to accept the resolution as presented by Mayor Sewell. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 regular council meeting.

Motion by Council Member Parrish seconded by Council Member Hightower to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2011. Motion carried.

**Jenny English – Citizens Count Survey**

Jenny English with the Haralson County Chamber of Commerce was present and gave the Mayor and Council a copy of the Citizens Count Survey. She also gave a brief update on the Chamber. There were a couple of the Chamber Board Members present and were introduced to the Mayor and Council by Jenny.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Change Zoning for Junk & Salvage Yards**

Perry Hicks explained that this amendment would change the zoning for junk yards and salvage yards from an M-1 zoning to a M-2 zoning.

Mayor Sewell opened the floor for a Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of or opposed to this zoning amendment for junk yard and salvage yards.

There was no one to speak in favor or in opposition to this amendment so Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the amendment.

Motion by Council member Hightower seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve the zoning ordinance amendment changing junk yards and salvage yards from M-1 zoning to M-2 zoning. Motion carried unanimously.

**Moratorium on Junk Yards and Salvage Yards**

Mayor Sewell stated that currently have a 90 day moratorium on the sale of business license to any junk yard or salvage yards while the zoning ordinance was being prepared for amendment. We now need to remove the moratorium since the zoning amendment has been approved.

Motion by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Parrish to remove the 90 day moratorium that was placed on the sale of business license to any junk or salvage yards. Motion carried unanimously.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Sewell opened the floor to the public and asked if anyone had any business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

There was no business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Wilson to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.